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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: INFORMATION RESPONSE FOR INITIATIVE ON  
GLOBAL INTERNET FREEDOM (GIFT)

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¶1. The following information, provided by USAID Almaty in  
response to reftel request, represents existing programs  
that support Internet freedom. Total funding levels are  
listed.

¶A. Project Name: Information and Communication Technology  
Statistics Improvement

Recipient: Kazakhstan Agency of Statistics (KAS)

Project Description: Create within the KAS the capacity to  
supply public and private users with reliable statistics on  
information and communication technology that are compliant  
with international practice.

IT Component: Technical assistance & training to develop  
methodologies to supply reliable ICT statistics.

FY 05 Funding: U.S. \$ 0

FY 06 Funding: U.S. \$ 129,847

¶B. Project Name: Encouraging Education Reform in Kazakhstan

Recipient: Local schools through the Kazakhstan Reading  
Association (KazRa)

Project Description: Increasing civic responsibility among  
university faculty, elementary and secondary teachers,  
parents, and children through promoting reading and writing  
for critical thinking and support of the education reform in  
Kazakhstan

IT Component: USAID through the Kazakhstan Reading  
Association provided local schools with computers. This  
includes Akkystau region school in Atyrau oblast  
(\$1,202.05); Aktau school #21 (\$1,202.05); Astana Socio-  
economic Lyceum (\$1,202.05); and Ust-Kamenogorsk School-  
Gymnasium #3 (\$1,202.05)

FY 05 Funding: U.S. \$ 150,000

FY 06 Funding: U.S. 0

¶C. Project Name: Health Partnerships, AIHA

Recipient: Kazakh School of Public Health; Demeu Family  
Medicine Center; Medical Schools; Nursing College.

Project Description: Establishing sustainable health  
partnerships between the U.S. and the Central Asian

countries, which foster more effective and efficient delivery of health services in Central Asia. To improve the quality of care, including maternity child health, HIV/AIDS; expand community and individual responsibility for health; to strengthen medical education and training of health professionals; and to improve resource use through expanded health management capabilities.

IT Component: To provide access to online medical resources and Internet-based communication tools through a Learning Resource Center (LRC).

FY 05 Funding: U.S. \$ 699,600 (incl. \$42,000 IT Component)

FY 06 Funding: U.S. 0

1D. Project Name: Program for Infectious Disease Control in CAR (Central and Local Governments), CDC PASA/HIV

Recipient: Republican and Oblast Sanitary Epidemiological Stations, National and local AIDS Centers

Project Description: To control infectious diseases with the focus on HIV/AIDS surveillance; TB laboratory diagnosis and electronic surveillance; blood safety; definition of live birth; epidemiology network; applied epidemiology training program.

IT Component: Electronic Sentinel Surveillance System to collect HIV data among sentinel groups; Applied Epidemiology Training Program (AETP) to train specialists on prevention, study and research of ID.

FY 05 Funding: U.S. \$ 109,075

FY 06 Funding: U.S. \$ 155,316

1E. Project Name: Ensuring Access to Quality Health Care in Central Asia, Zdrav Plus II, Abt Associates

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Recipient: Ministry of Health, Oblast Health Departments

Project Description: To assist the Central Asian Republics (CAR) of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to increase people's access to and utilization of quality primary health care.

IT Component: To prepare a platform for the implementation of an integrated Health Information System (HIS) on the national level. To establish Medical Information Centers (MIC) to support implementation of an integrated Health Information System (HIS) on the oblast level.

FY 05 Funding: U.S. \$ 732,513

FY 06 Funding: U.S. \$ 770,807 (incl. \$53,000 IT component)

1F. Project Name: USAID TB Control Program for CAR, Project Hope

Recipient: Ministry of Health, National TB Centers and Oblast TB Dispensaries

Project Description: To prevent and control TB with the focus on building political support for TB control; building human and systems capacity; community advocacy and mobilization.

IT Component: TB Electronic Surveillance Care Management System (TB ESCM) to develop analytical skills on using national TB registrar.

FY 05 Funding: U.S. \$ 604,154

FY 06 Funding: U.S. \$ 604,154

1G. Project Name: Central Asian Program on AIDS Control and Intervention Targeting Youth and High-Risk Groups

(CAPACITY), JSI

Recipient: National AIDS Center

Project Description: To build technical capacity in launching large-scale and urgent responses to HIV/AIDS, and develop institutions and networks in Central Asia that can take a leading role in providing technical assistance to the process of implementation of the grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) and other resources devoted to control of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region.

IT Component: To provide Internet access to technical specialists at the National AIDS Center.

FY 05 Funding: U.S. \$ 717,160

FY 06 Funding: U.S. \$ 651,015

12. Planned projects that will support Internet freedom include:

1A. Internet Access and Training Program (IATP): USAID has taken over responsibility for IATP from Public Affairs. The program will be managed by USAID/Washington with \$150,000 budgeted for Kazakhstan in FY2006. Post believes that the program will begin in 2007.

1B. Project Name: Regional Trade Liberalization and Customs (RTLCL)

Project Recipient: Ministry of Trade, Customs Committee, Ministry of Transportation, WTO department

Project Description: The goal of the Project is to foster economic growth and improve the competitiveness of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan through improving conditions for international and cross-border trade and transit. The activities to be carried out include: targeted support for World Trade Organization (WTO) accession and post-accession compliance; reduction of trade barriers relating to transport, transit, border crossing, and customs clearance; and support to regional cooperation for data collection and sharing, including to increase the access of SMEs to market information within and beyond the region

IT Component: The project will provide ICT training to assist in developing information sharing and data consolidation mechanisms for custom operations, and will provide TA for establishment of data transfer protocols, for revising processes according to international best practices, and for development of common performance

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standards. In order to promote regional cooperation, the project will also provide technical assistance and training to develop methodologies to supply reliable ICT statistics to assist in instituting pilot testing for joint customs control between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, and possibly between Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

FY 05 Funding: U.S. 0

FY 06 Funding: U.S. \$964,200

1C. Project Name: GOK IT training system (part of a larger project)

Recipient: Agency for Informatization and Communications, Government of Kazakhstan

Project Description: Improving business environment in Kazakhstan. In partnership with the Agency for Informatization and Communications in Kazakhstan, develop a uniform Information Technology (IT) training system for government employees responsible for developing and implementing e-government policies and practices in Kazakhstan.

IT Component: develop a uniform Information Technology (IT) training system for government employees responsible for developing and implementing e-government policies and practices in Kazakhstan.

FY 2007 Funding: \$250,000 (estimated amount) Government of Kazakhstan Cost-Share.

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